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CHHS Secretary Diana Dooley Names Will Lightbourne the Director of the Department of Social Services *John Wagner named Acting Director of the Community Services and Development Department*

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SACRAMENTO- California Health and Human Services Secretary Diana Dooley today named Will Lightbourne the Director of the California Department of Social Services. Lightbourne will serve in this new post through an interagency agreement between the County of Santa Clara and the State of California.

"Will's extensive experience with social service programs will be an invaluable asset to the Administration," Dooley said. "His strong leadership will be critical as we work to restore fiscal integrity and fulfill our obligations to the most vulnerable Californians."

Lightbourne, 61, has served as Director of the Santa Clara County Social Services Agency since 2000, and was Executive Director of the San Francisco City and County Human Services Agency from 1996 to 2000. Previously, he was the Director of the Santa Cruz County Human Services Agency from 1990 to 1996. From 1975 to 1990, Lightbourne held a number of positions with Catholic Charities in San Francisco, including Chief Executive Officer and General Director.

"I am honored that Governor Brown and Secretary Dooley have entrusted me with this responsibility," said Lightbourne. "Ahead of the Administration is a challenging task – balancing the state's books while maintaining the most effective self-sufficiency, protective care and safety-net services on which at-risk and vulnerable Californians rely."

Lightbourne replaces John Wagner, who today was named Acting Director of the Community Services and Development Department.

"I thank John for his leadership at the Department of Social Services over the past four years," Dooley said. "I am grateful for his continued service as he will bring exceptional skill and commitment in this new role."

The California Department of Social Services provides administration and oversight of programs that affect nearly three million of California's most vulnerable residents—foster children and youth, children and families receiving aid through the California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), adults and elderly in licensed community care facilities and aged, blind and disabled recipients requiring In-Home Supportive Services or Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI-SSP) assistance. For more information, please visit www.cdss.ca.gov.

The Community Services and Development Department (CSD) partners with a statewide network of local community service agencies dedicated to helping low-income Californians achieve and maintain self-sufficiency, meet their home energy needs and reside in housing free from the dangers of lead hazards. CSD administers California's federal funding share for the Community Services Block Grant, Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, the Weatherization Assistance Program and the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program. For more information, please visit www.csd.ca.gov.

The California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Agency oversees twelve departments and one board that provide a range of health care services, social services, mental health, alcohol and drug treatment, income assistance and public health services to the people of California. For more information, please visit www.chhs.ca.gov.

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